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## Letter from William G. Finley to James B. Finley

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Laporte Co Ind. May the 2<sup>th</sup> 1847

Dear uncle after my best respects to you  
 All I inform you ~~that~~ that I am well  
 At this time and hopes you are enjoying  
 the same blessing lucius received your letter  
 of march the 6<sup>th</sup> and that for the first time  
 that I new that you had left Peranau tow  
 nts & unacquainted with your family I say but  
 little about them but I will tell you about  
 ours our father has always bin so unwell  
 that our family is scattered to the four winds of  
 the Earth after my mother deduced children  
 has had to shift for our selves I and Henry  
 learnt the sadter trad he now comes on the  
 busness in South bend this state and wold no  
 doubt be very glad to hear from you hand  
 you no more she is Lucyann and Jane is  
 Maracé and live in illinois they dan very well  
 they are in good circumstances to live lucius and  
 I live on shilwell prairie laport Co Ind  
 as the trade did not agree very well with me  
 I concludid to quit it and go out a farm lucius and  
 Al has got a farm here and is doing very  
 well I am still alone in the world and have  
 a hard time to get along throu the world  
 & you say you think you have som recollection lucius  
 but I suppose I am the one you mean for I think you  
 never saw him I have a kind recollection of you  
 when you ust to come to our houn I think in  
 Clinton Co Ohio as I never have seen you since  
 it is all most like seeing to a stranger  
 but I should be very glad to ~~hear~~ calm in  
 and see you all but as things do not permit  
 us at presant to talk face to face we can  
 talk on paper so I wish you to rite

To me and let me no how you are doing  
 I should like to have you calm out here  
 and make us a visit and see the country  
 it is very praty the hislory family is very  
 in teristing to me father has bin married  
 fore times and now has two women living  
 one in your state and him and the other  
 is in Gaway but understand that they  
 dont live together I have trield a good  
 many times to git him to stay in one  
 place and he wold be more contented and  
 hapy but as he is a man off his an head  
 And all ways do as he wishes I shall say  
 no more to him he allways has bin  
 A very hard working industries man but  
 it never amountd to much if he wold  
 stay in one place he wold do first rate  
 as in contentment soberness and honesty  
 consist the hapyneess of man  
 you say you will be home in september  
 it may be possible that I may be in  
 there this winter it is about 225 mile  
 from here to where you live and if I con  
 strange my busness so as to leave I will  
 calm in as I have no one but my self  
 to provide for but my self I think I  
 will come in there and I hope I will  
 find you 16 mile from richman this  
 state till my cousins to ride to me and tell  
 me no have they are giting along  
 I should like to have you all rite  
 So me Direct your letter to  
 Kingsbury post office laport Co Ind  
 no more yours with respect. Wm. G. Finley  
 G. B. Finley





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